

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read:

STERILE STERILIZATION BAG

Please correct the second paragraph on page 29 as follows:

The synthetic resin film 14 and the gas-permeable substrate 12 were layered, with the protective component 116 sandwiched between them. A heat-sealed portion having a width of 10mm was formed in the lower end portion of the layered article. Moreover, heat-sealed portions each having a width of 5mm were formed in the side portions thereof. Thus, a sterilization bag 110, as shown in Fig. 5, with a width of 70mm ~~170mm~~ and a height of 350mm was obtained.

Please also correct the first paragraph on page 30 as follows:

A sterilization bag 130 having a width of 70mm ~~170mm~~ and a height of 350mm ~~300mm~~, as shown in Fig. 8, was produced in the same manner as in Example 2, except that the following points were changed. That is, the width and height of the protective component 116 were 70mm and 60mm, respectively. The protective component 116 was folded in two so that the height became half. One end portion of the protective component 116 was disposed on a gas-permeable substrate 12, and the other end portion thereof was disposed on a synthetic resin film 14 so that the distance between the folding line of the protective component 116 and each of the lower end portions of the gas-permeable substrate 12 and the synthetic resin film 14 was 15mm. Then, only both ends of the protective component 116 were respectively heat sealed to the gas-permeable material 12 and the synthetic resin film 14 to form heat-sealed portions having a width of 5mm. A heat sealed portion disposed at the lower end portion of the bag was composed of only the gas-permeable material 12 and the synthetic resin film 14. Moreover, the width of the heat sealed portion was 5mm.